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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT:MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR LEPER COLONY

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. JOHN J. KRAFSIG, A HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA LAWYER, CONCERNING HIS ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TWO BURMESE CLERGYMEN. UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR AGO HE WAS ABLE TO CORRESPOND AND SEND IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO A FATHER POSEH IN THAYETMYO FOR A LEPER COLONY THERE. SINCE THAT TIME HIS LETTERS HAVE GONE UNANSWERED AND HE IS GROWING CONCERNED AT THE WELFARE OF THE CLERGYMEN AND THE NEEDS OF THE LEPER COLONY. MR KRAFSIG HAS SENT \$150 CREDITED TO FATHER POSEH'S ACCOUNT AT THE MYANNA BANK AND IS HOLDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR 200 LEPERS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT FATHER POSEH AND BISHOP JOSEPH SHWAY, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, PROME, TO DETERMINE WHETHER MR. KRAFSIG'S LETTERS ARE BEING RECEIVED.

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3. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GUB ORGANIZATION TO DETERMINE BEST AND MOST EXPEDITIOUS METHOD FOR SHIPPING MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THAYETMYO. VANCE

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